

Our Dear CHRIST Enters In

WEEK 1:

**Family
Tree**



WEEK 2:

**Home
Hurts**



WEEK 3:

**Baby
Names**



WEEK 4:

**Company
Comes**



Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 21st, 2025

As We Gather

In this fourth service for Our Dear Christ Enters In, a special service for Advent, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, just as we get ready when company comes to our homes.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 sts. 1, 3-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Invocation and Call to Worship

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, as we draw closer to Christmas, may this wreath remind us that Jesus came to conquer the darkness of our sin and lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah declares,

People: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shone.”

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who comes into the world to enlighten all peoples, bless us as we light the first candle on this wreath in preparation for your coming. Enkindle our hearts with the fire of your love so that we may reflect your love to all—especially to those who are still walking in spiritual darkness around us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 79:8-9

Pastor: Heavenly Father, do not remember against us our former iniquities;

People: let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

Pastor: Help us, O God of our salvation,

People: for the glory of your name,

Pastor: deliver us, and atone for our sins,

People: for your name’s sake!

[Silence for personal reflection]

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and take refuge in his mercy.

People: Father, we humble ourselves before you and confess that we are sinners, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. We daily sin much and greatly offend you by our thoughts, our words and our deeds. We fail to love you with all our entirety and other people as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus’ suffering and death, blot out our iniquities and remember them no more. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to completely renounce our sin and walk obediently with you.



Pastor: "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her, 'Your sins have been paid for.'" In his tender mercy, God has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to you. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Advent Hymn

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 sts. 1, 6-7



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

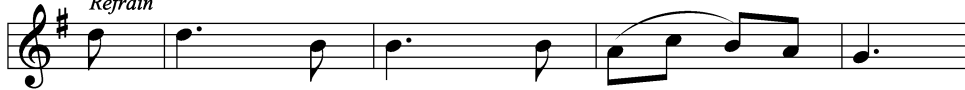


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for coming to be with us in our homes and in our hearts. Help us to welcome you as an honored guest in the places where we dwell. Around the dinner table, around the Christmas tree, around the presents to be opened, fill these spaces with your loving presence and your peace that passes all understanding. May your dwelling among us help us to share our care for all the loved ones who will soon come through our doors to gather for Christmas.

People: Amen.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:8–10

⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Preschool Singing and Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

349 Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Sermon

Week 4: Company Comes

Apostles' Creed

Offering

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found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: O Jesus Christ, who is coming soon,

People: visit us with your love.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Acolyte: Abram Applekamp

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Ministries Team.

Last Sunday: 38

December Offerings

Month to Date: \$8,510

Project Monthly Need: \$13,750

Celebrate the Savior's birth!

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service
10:00 a.m.



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